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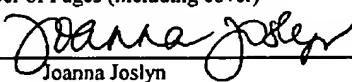
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This amendment is filed in conjunction with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114, and is responsive to the December 8, 2005 Office Action in the above-referenced application.

Please amend the claims as requested in **Section I (Amendments to the Claims)** hereof.

Remarks addressing the substance of the December 8, 2005 Office Action and discussing the patentability of the claims are set out in **Section II (Remarks)** hereof.